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I went around to some of the antique places this morning -- especially along the quais. I found the stocks of merchandise small and the prices considerably higher than they had been thirteen months ago. I was told by two of the proprietors of these establishments that this is due to uneasiness over the future value of money -- an uneasiness which has increased since the fall of the Pinay Government.

I went to the Embassy, read the cables, and talked to Ted Achilles, Tommy and others. Afterwards Dick Bissell lunched with me at home. He had only left Washington last week, and depicted the situation there as being quite disturbed because of McCarthy's inquisitorial actions.

Tonight I had dinner with Luke Hopkins and his wife at their house at 39, rue Raynouard. The guests were representatives of various nations on Lord Ismay's international staff.

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